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R.W. Patten Distributors Ltd., of Niagara Falls, has hired 16 Niagara College students for the winter term. See story and photo on page 3.

EDUCATION

A disgruntled parent, dissatisfied with Ontario education system, has pulled his son out of public school and is teaching him at home. See story on page 5.

SPORTS

The Niagara Knights men's hockey team celebrated their first victory of the season last Saturday. See story and photo on page 10.

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What a clown!

The 'L' Man, Tim Lock, smiles in appreciation of the thousands of listeners who tune in to his request show The Night Zone each week. Oh, and the nose is real. See story on page 6.

Photo by Troy Clarke

Students await Saso's decision

Deloughery wants survey before extension vote

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Students waiting for a decision on whether Niagara College's school year will be extended to double 18-week terms, will have to wait another 17 days.

At a special College Council forum on Monday, a motion, by faculty member Willard Wright, to support the 36-week academic year was tabled until the next council meeting on Feb. 15.

Tom Fraser, a faculty member and Council ex-officio, said the time limit — until Feb. 22 — was not adequate to assemble other alternatives.

"In fact, you're saying to us, 'you have three weeks to come up with something.' We don't have ideas on the top of our heads — you've been working on this for a year," said Fraser.

Wright suggested to Schleich that the college operate a three-15-week year but Schleich said the college would not recover delivery costs immediately because there are no programs positioned in the May, June, July or August periods. This would not make use of existing full-time staff who are paid full salaries and are on vacation, development time or non-contact time, he said.

And the same is true for the long-term plan of a 12-month year, he said.

"Full-time faculty teach 480 hours out of a total of 648 which they are paid for — it's a resource we're not using."

Schleich said the cost savings for a 36-week year would amount to about $300,000 the first year, $600,000 for the second year and $900,000 for the third year.

But faculty member Bonnie Martel said she's concerned about the cost of losing more students if they have to stay for an extended time.

Dale Deloughery, Student Administrative Council president, said he wants a student survey conducted before the next meeting to see how many students intend to go to school elsewhere, like Mohawk College in Hamilton, if the 36-week is implemented.

Ryan Hanlin, a third-year Electronic Technology program student, was the only other student to speak. "Maybe the executives should be better utilized . . . The quality of education is slipping and it scares me as a student," he told Council.

Last week, Schleich told the *Niagara News* , college President John Saso is expected to make a decision about restructuring by Feb. 22.

Meanwhile, asked about the issue of co-op placements for students, Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life, said it is premature to say "whether or not we can make co-op work in the 36-week model."

The final meeting with the co-op area is today, she said.

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Deloughery hopes to be ex-officio next year

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

If Dale Deloughery has his way, he will sit on next year's Niagara College Student Administrative Council as an ex-officio member, advising and assisting on continuing issues.

Deloughery, SAC president, is urging other council members to change SAC's constitution to include an ex-officio officer. Under his proposal, the president from the previous year would hold the post.

"My main concern is if we get a whole new SAC in with no one who was on it the year before, the council is not going to have any idea what's going on," Deloughery told council members.

"I feel strongly about it because if we get a new council in here next year, they can ask the ex-officio what problems he ran into or when they suggest something he can tell them what happened."

Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, said an ex-officio is worthy of some discussion, but reminded council that she is there to guide SAC members. She added, in a later interview, that in her opinion an ex-officio post is not necessary.

DiMattio said she understands Deloughery's desire for consistency on council. Deloughery has been on SAC for three years; however, she said support staff members Donna Flutur and Cindy Blanchard, earlier elections and a change-over conference between the old and new SACs all provide some consistency. DiMattio added that the incoming SAC may be "totally against that concept."

Meanwhile, in a letter to Deloughery, Tom Fraser, a Niagara College Council ex-officio, said the main reason for ex-officios is continuity.

"Our executive is elected annually, and it is possible for us to have members elected who may be new to the council . . . We find that many

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Nursing students express concern over co-op placement waiver

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

The tone of the unpaid co-op placement problem has risen an octave higher.

Nursing students at the Mack Centre in St. Catharines held an information forum Feb. 1 with speaker Sandy Fox of the Welland campus. Students expressed concern about a waiver they were given to sign. Hotel Dieu Hospital in St. Catharines, which has a long history of accepting placements from Niagara, has demanded the students sign a waiver absolving the hospital of responsibility for any personal property.

This issue prompted the college to send students a waiver of its own. Nursing students placed at the Hotel Dieu are required to sign or to perform clinical work somewhere else.

"A waiver is not worth the paper it's written on anyway because you can't waive a person's rights," said Fox.

Potential graduates questioned the validity of the waiver as it applies to students in the workplace. Fox said that although as students they are not paid they will be covered under workers' compensation for benefits as of September 1992.

This will hold true until the interim period, which was implemented last October, is over in June 1993. After that time somebody will have to pay. Employers are assessed and pay a set rate per person for workers' benefits. It has not been decided yet if the employer, the student, the college, or the Ministry of Colleges and Universities will absorb the costs.

"That's why employers are in such a stink-because it will affect their assessment rates," Fox told the 25 students and faculty gathered at the forum.

Donna Cunningham, the centre's director of nursing, said, "I will be very happy when this policy get reviewed and changed. Presently we are anxious to keep our clinical placements in the community."

Third-year nursing student Linda Kilian said, "I feel discriminated against-that the school has asked me to sign a waiver that nobody else has."

Job fair at Varsity Arena

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Graduating students and recent alumni will have an opportunity to meet prospective area employers at a job fair in Toronto April 1.

ACCIS, a national, non-profit association which provides advice and services in the areas of career development and student recruitment in Canada, is organizing the event which will be held at Varsity Arena.

The purpose of the fair is to match individuals possessing up-to-date skills with organizations that recognize that success depends on innovation and keeping pace with change, said Janet Forfar, career services officer at Niagara College and a member of the ACCIS planning committee.

Criteria was established for the 19 colleges and universities and 100 to 120 employers participating in the fair.

"Tickets are only available to graduating students and alumni from the past two years," said Forfar. "Tickets must be purchased in advance and there will be no sales to the public."

Employers participating in the fair must have jobs available and pay a fee. This avoids companies attending simply for "free advertising," said Forfar. In order to avoid having an unbalanced event, the association has attempted to provide a diverse group of employers.

The ACCIS Job Fair marks the first time such an event has been held. Previously, each school would conduct its own fair. The down scaling many companies are experiencing has made the idea of a one-day, one-time fair attractive and more economically feasible, said Forfar.

The list of companies participating in the fair, which will be available after the March break, will allow students to decide whether it will be worth their time to attend. Tickets for the fair cost $5. For an additional $6, students requiring transportation can ride one of the two buses provided by the college.

Dropout rate fuels program action

By DARREN ESAU
Staff Writer

With a high school dropout rate of 30 per cent in Canada, there is a definite need for action to be taken at encouraging these students to remain in the classroom, says the co-ordinator of a Stay-in-School program in St. Catharines.

Alan Gilday, from the YMCA in St. Catharines, is looking for people who have dropped out of school, but have recently returned.

These people will be required to talk to small groups of students about experiences as a school dropout and what it is like to look for a job when lacking a good education.

Gilday said "above all, these kids appreciate honesty. They can hear 'stay in school' from their parents over and over again, but sometimes hearing it from a third party has more of an impact."

The program also asks for employers who would be willing to talk to students about what they look for in an employee, or for the unemployed to tell students about their experiences.

Gilday is encouraging people to become involved in the program.

"Not only can it sharpen your presentation skills, but it also looks good on a resume," he said.

For more information on how to help keep students in school, call Alan Gilday at St. Catharines YMCA at 685-4281 ext. 35.

Year change handled 'badly'

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Management has handled the proposal to change Niagara's academic year "very badly," says the full-time faculty union president.

And, if it was handled in the "right way, it would probably have had a more collegial approach with all groups," said Joan Hastings-Dove, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, (OPSEU), Local 242.

"Instead, it was just dumped on people," she said.

Regarding the recent proposals for a 36-week year and the $15 missed test fee, (the fee proposal was withdrawn this week), she said the union, students, and the College Council learned about these items only after the fact. Hastings-Dove reiterated her comments from her Jan 25. OPSEU memo:

"This style of decision-making is not only demoralizing and undemocratic, but flies in the face of modern, enlightened organizational management."

Before any solutions are implemented, the costing figures on projected savings and the impacts on faculty and students should be made public, "in writing," she said.

'We feel as though we're being buffaloed into something...'

- Hastings-Dove

"We have been asking (management) for documented costing figures, but we haven't seen anything.

"We feel as though we're being buffaloed into something before everybody has a chance to study it properly."

David Schleich, vice-president academics, said the president of the faculty union is "always privy to budget data."

Hastings-Dove said the union has received "mixed messages."

Schleich has said many times that without immediate cash-flow from restructuring, either programs would be cut or course delivery would be changed.

But, Hastings-Dove said the union has never heard this from management and has, in fact, been told the opposite.

"We said to management that we keep hearing if we don't do this (36 weeks), programs will be cut or there'll be layoffs and management has said 'absolutely no!' to both things," she said.

A meeting with the Student Administrative Council and the union to discuss the 36-week plan is scheduled for Tuesday, Schleich said.

Kiss the Flame

Drinking and driving

By Heather D. Hodgson
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Special to Niagara News

Impaired operation of a motor vehicle and the related offences are among the most misunderstood charges of the Criminal Code.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore some of the criminal, civil and moral implications of these offences.

Prior to 1983, impaired driving was considered a joke in our society. Comedians included lines like "I was too drunk to walk home. I drove." Learned people, including judges, approached these issues with the "poor guy who just had a little too much to drink" syndrome. The offender was often treated as the victim. Few people considered the aftermath, the devastating effects on victims, their families and friends. Fewer people thought about the social costs for medical expenses, damage repairs, court costs, insurance premiums, loss of wages for victims, loss of skilled workers who were injured, loss of humans who could contribute to our society.

In 1983, a premier's task force examined some of these issues. This was brought about through the dedicated efforts of victims' groups like P.R.I.D.E. (People to Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) and A.D.D. (Against Drunk Driving) who sacrificed many hours to try to make a difference, to try to make our highways safer.

One of the recommendations of the task force was to have a Drinking Driving Countermeasurers office. This became a reality, funded through the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, and is still in existence.

Within a year, another recommendation was becoming a reality...mayors committees, drinking driving awareness groups were being created throughout the province. Funds were made available through regional and municipal grants and also through federal and provincial grants to have grassroots action, from within the community, to serve the community. An annual Drinking Driving Countermeasurers conference served as the focal point, the fuelling source for these groups to share information and materials.

Educational programs were created and presented in secondary schools and to the community as a whole. Public service announcements and billboards advocated the concept that drinking and driving was not socially acceptable. Talk shows and newspapers featured stories to promote this message. Victims gave heart wrenching accounts of how their lives had been forever changed by impaired drivers. Impaired drivers gave heart breaking accounts of how they had to live with the fact that they had killed children, maimed loved ones, destroyed their lives.

Pressure increased to change the laws regarding impaired driving, to treat this offence with the degree of severity it deserved. The laws were changed.

The judges, crown attorneys and police adjusted their views toward these offences. Citizens from all areas of the community, including students, worked with professionals in their field committing time, effort and expertise to continue the momentum.

Enforcement was increased with year round spot checks and renamed R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere). Grants were made available for R.I.D.E. through the Ministry of the Solicitor General. Corporate sponsors provided R.I.D.E. vans and other equipment to police agencies.

By the turn of this decade, attitudes seemed to have changed. Statistics showed a decrease in impaired related offences and fatalities and R.I.D.E. statistics mirrored this change.

Yet, lives are still lost: parents, brothers, sisters, children are still slaughtered on our highways; people are injured daily by people who drink and drive.

Next issue: What are the laws?

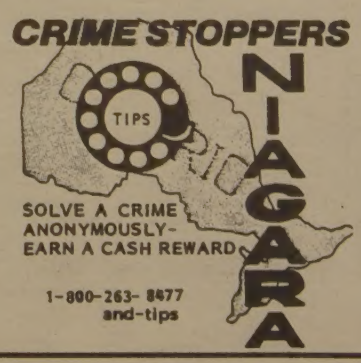
Taxi, follow that...bank?

A different type of bank robber surfaced in the Niagara Peninsula during the month of December. Instead of holding up the bank, they stole the whole thing.

On Monday, Dec. 7, 1992 at approximately 1:15 a.m., thieves smashed a large plate glass window at Crystal Beach I.G.A., 3874 Rebstock Rd., lassoed the Royal Bank A.T.M. and hauled it away. The machine was filled with more than $85,000 in cash.

Police were called to the store after an alarm sounded. Officers followed debris for over 1.5 kilometres before losing the trail.

Although automated teller machines have been stolen in other areas, this type of crime is not an every day occurrence and was not committed on the spur of the moment.



Niagara Regional Police investigators would like to solve this case and are asking for the public's assistance.

If you have information regarding this theft, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

Co-opportunity benefits students, industry

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Niagara College co-operative education students are being put to the test.

R.W. Patten Distributors Ltd., a processor of sugar-based products, has hired 16 of the college's co-op students for the winter work term. Reactions from students and plant officials indicate the working relationship has been beneficial.

Patten, in Niagara Falls, Ont., since June 1991, blends sugar-based products such as ice tea, drink crystals, cocoa and gelatin to customer's specifications. The company annually blends 100 million pounds of each product for its American customers.

The economy, with many people unemployed, has created an employer's job market. Companies like Patten demand more and tolerate less from employees, says Don Covert, Patten's plant manager.

"We offer the best we can - good wages and good working conditions - and we expect a good return," said Covert.

"I"m looking for eager people who want to be part of our team. Enthusiasm is very essential to the actions of what we're trying to do," said Dianne Gibbs, the company's human resource manager.

Despite high expectations from the company and competition from unemployed but skilled applicants, the students have successfully obtained and retained jobs.

"We're very pleased with the students. Feedback from team leaders is very positive," said Gibbs.

"I firmly believe they're OK or they wouldn't be here," said Covert.

Gibbs said students receive hands-on experience in a team-oriented environment - something difficult to obtain with today's economic climate.

"The people here are great. Everybody here has a hard-working attitude. It's a great place to work. I just wish it was for longer," said Paul Ten Den, a second-year computer engineering technology student.

In addition to the 15 technology students working in the plant, Patten hired Jennifer Peters, an office administration student, to work in the office.

"I like it a lot. I'm learning a lot in Lotus (a computer program)," said Peters.

Niagara College's presence is not limited to co-op students. Don Muir, a quality control supervisor, is a graduate of Niagara College's Statistical Engineering program. Muir, along with a team leader and a laboratory technician at Patten, graduated from the Unemployment Insurance Commission-sponsored program.

Patten's peak season is from December to May as their customers order products for the upcoming season. Sixty-two of Patten's 100 employees were recently hired for the peak season. Because they rely heavily upon seasonal employees who must "prove themselves and learn the job quickly" each year, Gibbs strives to make them welcome.

"Because seasonal people make up a large portion of our employees, we feel they are important," said Gibbs.

Patten has hired the students until the end of April, when the company's third shift is scheduled to end.

Gibbs said an expected better year will extend the shift and employ some of the students longer.

"We're hopeful of a longer season this year...It's tough to lay off good people. The best will be brought back if they're interested."

Dianne Gibbs, human resource manager for R.W. Patten, hired 16 Niagara College students.

Photo by Patrick Aselstine

The Niagara-Patten relationship seems to have been beneficial to everyone involved. Just as the students are enjoying their time at Patten, Gibbs is pleased the college was able to assist her.

"I appreciate the college. I needed someone on a short-term basis. I didn't have a problem with any of them (students). It (their length of employment) could be a little longer for some of them."

Where does the band go?

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

Where to put the band is the problem perplexing organizers of the Mack Centre's annual Banding Banquet scheduled for April 30 at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in Welland.

The ceremony is traditionally where student nurses receive a color band signifying their year of study. Pale blue signifies first year, slightly darker blue for second year, navy blue for third year and graduates of the program receive black.

The band is normally attached to the nurse's cap.

"What makes it fun this year is that they've stopped wearing hats," Richard Hore, Mack's student council president, said. "This is the first year without hats."

Since male nurses have never worn caps, the problem now includes all nurses. Some wear the color band on their arm, pocket or nametag. Hore said it has been really inconsistent and he would like to change the style of nametag to allow for color bands.

However, the problem is with funding.

Mack's student council is organizing other details of the banquet. Locale and menu are the two things already organized.

Student implements change

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

A new student president will start his term in January for the Mack Centre for Nursing, a St. Catharines campus of Niagara College.

Richard Hore, 35, a student in the fourth/fifth term of the Nursing program, Hore is trying to implement changes at Mack. Unlike the Welland campus Student Administrative Council representatives the Mack Centre's officials are unpaid. Students like Hore are volunteers.

"It's a real Mickey Mouse system down there," Hore said.

Pigeonhole mailboxes in the student lounge are the only way the council can communicate with its members. There is no office or phone; council members meet in halls or empty classrooms to vote on issues.

Richard Hore

Elections are held if enough people will accept nominations to the council. Hore said the council is incomplete although nominations were made in December. The student official's work term runs from January to December to coincide with student schedules and clinical work.

Students nominated for council must have completed the third term of the Nursing program, but Hore thinks first-year students might be a more logical choice. He said that after first year the workload makes it almost impossible to juggle academic and student council, commitments.

Nursing changes in the works at Mack

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

The Registered Nursing and Nursing Assistant programs are waiting for the "go ahead" for proposed revisions.

The Mack Centre for Nursing in St. Catharines has had all faculty members working on curriculum changes since 1989. All faculty members are involved "to a greater or lesser degree" said faculty member Donna Conradi, who is also a member of the Steering Committee.

Some of the major changes outlined by Conradi include:

* the assistant and registered nurses programs will have a common first semester and clinical work rather than remaining separate,

* an emphasis will be placed on maintenance and promotion of "wellness" as compared to the past practice of restoring health, preventative medicine consistent with government regulations for health care,

* stress will be placed on community-based clinical practice; students will encounter clients that are well and help them maintain that wellness,

* the program will have studies revolve around nurses' diagnoses as opposed to the past learning of medical condition and how to treat it, although disease process will still not be in the curriculum,

* the studying of "Roy's Adaptation Model" will be expanded to include other selected models and,

* new courses will be offered including computers and a mandatory elective, previously unavailable.

The program approval from the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities is still pending, but the Mack Centre is hoping to implement the changes in September 1993.

Donna Conradi

The changes were proposed after an internal program evaluation in 1987/89 identified existing problems. As a Steering Committee member, Conradi said, government initiatives, including community-based health care, were changed and the program needs to adapt to these. The regulated Health Professions Act has forwarded some changes to be addressed by the Nursing program as well as some standards of nursing implemented in 1990 to which all graduates must adhere.

Conradi is a first-year instructor at the Mack Centre teaching biology and nursing practice.

SAC proposals sought

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of the items for discussion are of a continuous nature and it assists the executive if at least one member is familiar with deliberations," Fraser said.

Kristen Sorenson, SAC vice-president external, said she, and at least two other SAC members, might run for re-election.

"I think it should be under stipulation, if no one is returning next year, an ex-officio may be elected from the previous SAC," Sorenson said.

Paul Grummett said he may seek the vice-president athletics post in April.

Sue Harvey, SAC executive vice-president, said the issue should wait until changes, if any, are made to SAC's constitution in April.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Stop bullying students

The key to the future of any country is said to be the education of its youth. If this is true, the students here will be a battle-scarred group headed into the workforce in a couple of years.

With the recession, students are being hit from all directions. The Ontario government has cut grants to colleges and universities, making it harder to get financial aid with the recession limiting the available summer jobs. Now students at Niagara College are facing a proposed extended school year and changes to the rules covering the Workers' Compensation Board.

Niagara's students will find it harder to get summer employment and get practical experience if these new changes are accepted. For many students, this could be the knockout punch forcing them to give up on post-secondary education.

Why are we going through this if there are no job opportunities waiting for us? Newspapers are constantly telling us there aren't many jobs out there.

If students were a negative group, we would say these problems are going to cut into our lavish lifestyles. To think we may have to give up our macaroni-and-cheese dinners and start eating something more affordable is crazy.

Niagara's student body has taken its share of cutbacks, such as reduced Ontario Student Assistance Program and higher tuition fees.

It's time to remove the bull's eye off the student body and aim it somewhere else. Leave the school year the way it is.

Rick Kinzel

Say goodbye Mulroney

So, our good friend Prime Minister Brian Mulroney says he's ticked over rumors that he might be stepping down.

Does anyone really care what he thinks? I don't!

He is blaming the media for these rumors but several members of Parliament have publicly admitted that Mulroney hasn't told them directly if he will stay or resign as prime minister of Canada.

This is just the kind of leadership Mulroney has displayed throughout his two terms as Canada's so-called leader. Strong leaders should be informative and keep their co-workers up-to-date on important and pressing matters.

Mulroney cannot expect his cabinet to do their job properly if they're uncertain over their leader's commitment and future in the party's plans.

This latest controversy under Mulroney's regime is a direct cause of his unwillingness to co-operate with the media. If he would just face the music for once and take responsibility for his actions, perhaps Canadians would look at him differently.

But for now, Mulroney seems to be wavering as he approaches his 10th anniversary as federal Conservative Party leader.

As far as I'm concerned, the best thing for him to do is just wave goodbye.

Frank Iudiciani

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Friends' regulate freedom of choice in music industry

Dear Editor:

The Niagara News article "Baby boomers take office", (Niagara News, Jan. 22, 1993, page 4) suggested that, "Bill Clinton is the rock 'n' roll president". I find this statement hard to credit when Tipper Gore, wife of U.S. Vice-President Al Gore, is a founder of the Parents' Music Resource Center (PMRC).

The PMRC consists of several wives of government officials with obvious advantages in passing anti-sexual, pseudo-Christian legislative garbage. This unlicenced, tax-exempt lobbying group, which does not have any members, just founders, believes that they are the moral majority and what's good for them is good for everybody else.

The PMRC can best be remembered for creating those "Explicit Lyrics — Parental Advisory" stickers that labelled recorded music as "possible trash that may summon the demons within". By using this label the PMRC, like Clinton, believe that they are "friends" of the music industry. These so-called "friends" forced the Recording Industry Association of America to use parent advisory stickers or they'd have to suffer under the razor-sharp hands of the government, that is, possible bankruptcy. Since when has bullying become a part of friendship?

More importantly is that the PMRC labels only affect ROCK music.

I admire Clinton for expressing that he is pro-choice because he believes that choice is a fundamental freedom. He's right. Choice is something most people in a democractic society take for granted. Just ask a person from China.

But I have to wonder about Clinton's sincerity when he befriends groups like the PMRC who regulate my freedom of choice and turn the rock 'n' roll industry into a holier than thou playground.

Then again, it doesn't surprise me. The 90s is a decade of mass-marketed sincerity and flaunting your society is definitely "in".

I suppose if you don't mind listening to Brian Adams, Tom Cochrane and Blue Rodeo then Clinton and his sincerely caring "friends" are the new "kings" of rock 'n' roll.

Move over Elvis — here comes Clinton.

Jenn Sheridan
Year 1 Journalism-Print

CFL rules over NFL

Dear Editor:

I am writing to respond to your staff writer Rick Kinzel's article "CFL will fumble with expansion in U.S." (Niagara News, Jan. 22, 1993, page 9)

Rick is obviously a fan of the National Football League and not the Canadian Football League. If Rick actually witnessed a CFL game, he would realize that the CFL has superior rules to the NFL.

The expansion into the U.S. will increase the exposure of the CFL and introduce new viewers; therefore, this expansion can only help the CFL.

Kinzel should research the facts before he writes another article for this paper.

Tara Christensen
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Immaturity on campus: Much ado about 'some'

Dear Editor:

I agree with Sue Harvey's letter in the Jan. 15, 1993 edition of Niagara News pertaining to the immaturity of some Law and Security Administration program students. Unfortunately, the definition of the word "some" was misunderstood.

David J. Rapelje, a faculty member, responded by saying that the wording was misleading, and that it stereotyped all LASA students as immature. He referred to the definition of "some" contained in Webster's Dictionary as: an indefinite part, quantity or number. In my own checking of The Doubleday Roget's Thesaurus "some" is listed as an antonym, or opposite, of the word "all". Nowhere in Harvey's letter did I get the impression that she was referring to all LASA students.

Over the past year and a half I've seen immature people in courses besides, and including, LASA. It's a fact of life that not everyone matures before or shortly after college. But immaturity on campus is not restricted to students. Some teachers, not all, need to learn to leave their attitudes at home. Placing failing quiz papers on the floor for a student to pick up, and bringing roommates into exam periods to openly laugh at students' answers after handing in their exams, are two examples of what "some" immature teachers do. No matter how large the gap is between their paycheque and what they think they're worth, they're supposed to be a teacher. The object is for someone with apparent knowledge to transfer that to the students.

I personally don't think Harvey owes anyone an explanation. For those approximately 100 letters accompanying Rapelje's, I wonder how many there would be if students were not asked in class time to write them.

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First CIDA student

'Except for the weather, I like it over here'

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

He looks no different than any other student at Niagara College, but Henry Malunda is unique. He is the first student sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to attend Niagara College.

Malunda was identified through CIDA's training program, which sends representatives to four South African countries every year. The representatives search for people already in the working sector whose skills they can sharpen and whose needs they can meet. The Malawi Institute of Education, for whom Malunda is Educational Materials Editor, was in need of instruction regarding their new computer system. The new system was donated in 1990 by the Canadian Organization for Development through Education, but CODE didn't send experts to teach the MIE employees how to use the computers.

HENRY MALUNDA

Malunda was chosen over 2,500 other applicants and was offered a one-year scholarship, by CIDA, to attend a Canadian school to learn desktop publishing. But, when he came to Canada last August, he encountered immediate problems. Niagara College, which was the selected educational institution, did not offer desktop publishing as a complete program. There were publishing elements in the Journalism-Print and Fashion Arts programs, said Malunda, and it was too late to find another school so he was told to make due.

Academically, Malunda said things have been going well. He finds the course relevant to his needs and he appreciates the hands-on approach.

But socially, Malunda said he finds it difficult to cope with the climate. Adapting to an arctic climate from a tropical climate has been tough.

"We're talking about two weather extremes," he said in a heavily accented English. "But except for the weather, I like it over here."

Being away from his family and friends hasn't been easy for him either. Malunda, 33, left his fiancee back in his home town of Zomba and he wishes he could have brought her with him. He is staying with a host couple in Welland. However, he still misses the company of fellow Malawians. But over the Christmas holidays, he was treated to something special.

A reunion was held in Ottawa at the residence of the High Commission. All Malawians studying in Canada were invited, but they had to find their own means of transportation. There are 15 Malawian students studying across Canada, from Vancouver to New Brunswick.

"It was a very emotional reunion," said Malunda. "It was great seeing people from home, talking the same language, eating food from home. I really liked it."

Malunda has been involved in education in one form or another for most of his working life. Before he joined the Malawi Educational Institute three years ago, Malunda taught French and English at the high school level for a year. He left because it was a struggle to make a living on a teacher's salary.

"In Malawi, and Africa as a whole, the teaching profession is not as financially rewarding as here," said Malunda.

In June, Malunda will be returning to Malawi to teach a team of junior staff what he has learned here. He will go home to watch his soccer and field hockey games and play darts with his friends in the local pubs. Malunda said he would like to come back to Canada to study at a university if it was possible, but it's up to CIDA to determine whether or not MEI needs him to.

It's a big splash: first of its kind in Canada

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

A groundbreaking national program for pool and spa installation and service technician apprenteceship is being offered by Niagara College's Technical Skills Training Division. The Canadian Spa and Pool Association has given full support to the new program.

The program is 4,500 hours in length and has two sessions of trade school. The apprentices' training includes above-ground and in-ground installation plus trade theory, pool structures and water treatment.

Everything for the students to work on was donated by pool companies who want more qualified technicians.

The program is offered at the St. Catharines campus. There are 39 students in the program from as far away as Kitchener and Belleville, Ont.

Energy conservation study underway

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Lights out!

Niagara College spends over $600,000 a year on utilities.

A feasibility study on energy conservation is under way, aimed at identifying and evaluating effective conservation methods to implement at the college.

"Students and teachers can be more aware of energy consumption and the need to conserve," said Patrick Jamieson, the college's director of physical resources.

He said students and teachers can do this by shutting lights off when they leave classrooms and by not holding doors open on the second and third floors of Simcoe Building.

Ontario Hydro has done an energy audit on all the college's buildings and locations and made recommendations, such as energy efficient light fixtures and motion censor lights that go out if no one is in the room.

"The study will identify and describe effective ways to reduce energy, water consumption and operating costs. It will allow management to establish a base reference for measuring any changes," he said.

Home study alternative to public school system

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

Many parents believe the Ontario education system is the best in the world.

However, there are some parents who disagree. In fact, there are a number of parents who believe, because of the eroding value of education in Ontario, opting out of the system and teaching children at home is a favorable alternative.

Keith Weaver, 34, enrolled in the General College program at Niagara College and training to be a social service worker, is one of those parents. He has taken his 10-year-old son, Jason, out of Victoria Public School in St. Catharines and is teaching him at home.

Weaver said he was "dissatisfied" that Jason was not being taught grammar and mathematical fundamentals. He said he didn't want Jason to enter high school or college without the necessary skills.

"Based on what I've seen appearing at Niagara College, I knew that if I left him in public schools, he wouldn't be prepared for college."

Weaver said he is "philosophically opposed" to the standards and methods of teaching in the public school system.

"My son will learn more with me, than by staying in an institution that teaches by the lowest common denominator.

"Mediocrity is not an acceptable goal."

Weaver said although Jason doesn't like the heavy workload, he enjoys learning at home.

He said teaching his son allows him to adjust the lessons to his son's learning rate.

"If he doesn't understand something, we can keep going over it. It's not like in school, where the teacher has to go on even if the students haven't learned the lesson."

Jason's lesson time is not structured. If he does his lessons quickly, then he gets time off. Weaver said Jason spends some of his spare time playing with different programs on the computer as a way of having fun while learning.

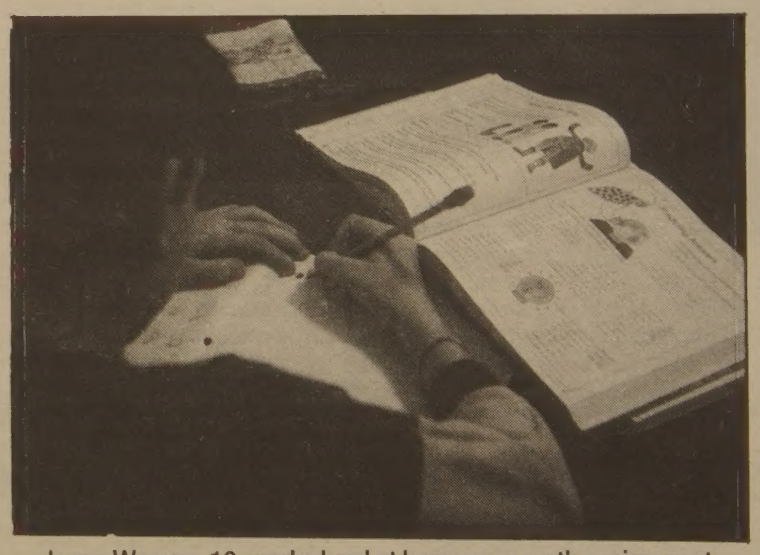
Weaver said he teaches his son two to three hours a day. And in that time, covers more material than a teacher does in a whole day.

Weaver presented his son's curriculum to the school board and received their approval.

"The school board has been quite supportive. They offered to send material and supply texts, and will let my son use the library."

The school will give Jason standardized math and English tests at the end of the year. If Jason fails the tests, the school will recommend that Jason be returned to school.

Weaver is confident his son will pass the tests and continue to be taught at home.



Jason Weaver, 10, works hard at home on a math assignment because his father has decided to educate him at home. Jason's younger brother, Justin, 5, may soon join him as a home-taught student.

Photo by Stuart Krick

"Standardized tests aren't hard, considering the fact they are geared so the lowest common denominator will achieve a passing mark."

Jason's curriculum includes grammar, vocabulary, literature, composition, math, science, natural science, geography, history and music. His grammar is taught from a college first-year text, Bare Essentials.

"I'm going back to the basic fundamentals with my son."

Weaver cites a study that collaborates his views. Urie Bronfenbrenner, a developmental psychologist from Cornell University, studied 1,500 home-school children during the 1970s.

Bronfenbrenner concluded from his study that "children are better socialized by their parents, not other groups. The larger the group of children, the less meaningful human contact they have. Family socialized children tend to be independent and self-directed in thoughts and values. They also can avoid peer dependency. Early peer dependency produces an indifference to family values that defies parental correction."

Weaver said Jason will make up for any losses in socialization by having experiences with other children his own age through the Niagara Home Schoolers Association, an umbrella support group that offers field trips on a shared-cost basis.

The association also organizes social events, such as bowling and baseball tournaments.

Weaver said his wife enjoys Jason being taught at home. He said it allows her more time with her son as well as allows her to contribute to his education.

Weaver has another son in senior kindergarten. He said that son will remain in school until Grade 3, after which, he will make a decision on his son's future.

He said social skills, not education, are important up until Grade 3. He said the public system teaches social skills reasonably well.

"By Grade 3, they haven't mistaught them enough to screw them up."

Weaver said that although he doesn't have as much time to write anymore, and despite the fact this is a more expensive way to educate his son, he believes he is doing what is best for his son and that his son will thank him for it some day.

Niagara grad 'L' Man heats up airwaves

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

It's Thursday night, around 9:30 p.m. You're bored or lonely, or simply want to take a journey. So, you turn the dial on your AM radio slowly across the range of stations, looking for something.

Suddenly, you stop. You don't know why, but you stop. You look down at the radio. Of course, 1220 CHSC! Now you remember.

You sit back in your favorite chair and begin the journey: into the Night Zone.

On the other end of that radio wave, a young, up and coming disc jockey is clearing his throat and searching frantically for an ad tape.

Who is this rising star?

He's funny, arrogant, controversial and, sometimes, downright rude. In his own words, he's "god-like."

He's none other than Niagara College graduate Tim Lock, St. Catharines' self-proclaimed king of the airwaves.

He may not be King Lock yet, but he's not far off the mark. The average number of listeners tuning in to his five-day-a-week, three-hour request show, has increased from 600 last year to 1,400 this year, according to the Bureau of Broadcasting Measurement. Lock also holds some of the best quarter-hour ratings in the Niagara Peninsula.

Lock, CHSC production manager, has been coming into Niagara area homes since graduating from Niagara College's Broadcast Radio and Television program in 1991.

Tim Lock is momentarily confused, forgeting where he is as he fiddles with his reel to reel.

Photo by Troy Clarke

'People are generally stupid.'

Lock's first caller is Chuck from St. Catharines.

"I am the walrus Koo Koo ke choo. Good evening. I'm good looking, are you?" Lock asks the caller.

Chuck answers "yes I am," and Lock immediately recognizes his voice as one of his show's regular callers.

"One good thing about the show is if you call me on the phone, it doesn't matter who you are, if you call me twice, two, three times, I can usually pick up your voice, so all you have to do is say hi, or burp," says Lock, throwing in a burp as an afterthought.

"What's up, Chuck?" Lock asks, but the joke flies over the caller's head.

"This first kid I had on the show calls me almost every night, I don't know if he's desperate or has no life but I'm glad he calls because he's listening," Lock says.

"Every night I always say 'what's up, Chuck?' I still don't know if he understands the joke, but I use it every night and one of these days it's going to click on in his head that I'm making a vomit joke."

Incidentally, Lock tapes all his shows for review when he gets home from work. He does this to make sure he is not pushing the limits of radio etiquette too far.

"You find out what worked, what didn't. What made you sound like a dink, and what didn't make you sound like a dink, and you try to be less of a dink the next night," Lock says laughing.

Whether he sounds like a "dink" or not, Lock rarely gets his listeners upset, at least as far as he knows.

However, there was one occasion on which his mouth got him in trouble for remarks made over the air. Lock was accused of making fun of people who stutter.

Lock parodied rock stars who stutter, after stuttering scenes in the movie "A Fish Called Wanda" were found offensive and edited.

A man who stutters was listening to the show that night and he didn't "take it in the humor it was meant to be taken."

The man called to complain, prompting Lock to read a prepared apology over the air, which Lock thought would remedy the situation, but "apparently the man still hasn't forgiven me for doing that."

Lock simply shrugs his shoulders and says, "oh well, you live and learn." Incidentally, Lock's ratings rose after that incident.

Lock now finds his employers are giving him more leeway on the air.

"They trust me a lot now. They know I'm not going to say something negative, or go on the air with a four-letter word, which is ridiculous anyway. There's no need to do that."

"You can offend or titillate people without going right into the gutter with what you say."

Lock, a Calgary, Alta. native, came to Niagara College in 1989 where he quickly became known as a prankster.

Perhaps his most well-known stunt was his claim he was replacing Donny Wahlburg in The New Kids on the Block, a Boston, Mass., based musical group.

It began with a phone call. Lock called CRNC, Niagara College's student-run radio station, pretending he was Jonathan Knight, New England accent and all, and left a message for himself. Lock says "people freaked out."

Then he decided to see how far he could carry the prank.

"I told people Donny Wahlburg was leaving the group, it was a big secret and they needed a sound-alike to finish their latest album."

It all came to a head when Lock called a press conference to announce the New Kids were coming to Niagara College and he was joining the group to embark on a tour.

Lock says "some moron" from the Niagara News also showed up, but he can't remember who it was so "that moron will have to remain nameless."

"I had a press release made up, it was really professional looking and the last line of it said 'if you really believe this I have some swampland in Florida I know you'll love.'"

The 'L' Man looks into the lens and wonders who's in there. His funny and sometimes controversial radio show The Night Zone airs weekdays from 9 p.m to midnight.

Photo by Troy Clarke

Lock says people were bringing their children to meet the New Kids because "people are generally stupid and if they're going to believe stupid stuff like that, I just laugh at it an go 'right on.'"

Lock, on a serious note, says having the opportunity to work with the equipment and learn to write was a good educational experience, crediting much of his success to Cliff Elford — his "radio mentor" — a teaching replacement who has since left the college.

"If it wasn't for him being there that year, I probably would have dropped out in the second year. There was someone there who told me I didn't have a great voice, not a whole lot of talent and wouldn't make it too far in the industry," Lock says with a rare serious tone in his voice, declining to identify the instructor.

Bob Johnston, a radio instructor at Niagara, said Lock was exceptional, spending many extra hours at the college.

"He's very entreprenurial," said Johnston.

"He just doesn't let it come to him, he goes after it."

Lock made the shortlist for an internship as a comedy writer on The Arsenio Hall Show; he was one of 12 finalists.

"It's pretty wild to think Arsenio Hall is looking over your resume and bio, that sort of freaks you out," Lock says, adding, jokingly, "even though he's not funny anymore so he should have hired me as a writer."

Instead, Lock did his internship at the American Comedy Network in Bridgeport, Conn., where he quickly learned to do comedy spots, some of which are now playing on stations around North America.

Lock says he plans to stay at CHSC because he loves the people he works with and he loves himself which, he jokes, is important.

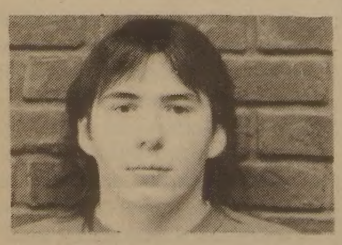
"I refer to myself sometimes as the man you love to love, because it's hard not to, especially when you listen to the program and you are greeted with five hours of pure unadulterated entertainment every night."

"It takes a special breed of person, like me the L man."

"Knowing me is kind of like hanging out with Elvis, you just can't believe you're in the same room with me."

He's joking of course?

Alive is a roller coaster ride full of twists and turns



By LLOYD ABBS
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The following are brief reviews of the movies *Alive, Nowhere to Run,* and Body of Evidence.

Alive is a thrilling movie based on a true story of a South America rugby team whose plane crashes in the Andes mountains on the way to a game in Chile.

This movie is like a roller-coaster with twists and turns in unexpected places. The storyline is an attention grabber leaping from plane crash to cannibalism to 5,000-foot cliffs. Alive is an emotionally-uplifting masterpiece pitting man against nature and for once — man wins.

I highly recommend Alive, which stars Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano and Josh Hamilton. It is playing at Famous Players theatres across Niagara. Alive is rated PG.

Nowhere to Run stars Jean-Claude Van Damme as Sam Gillen, an escaped convict, and Rosana Arquette as the heroic mother-of-two who Van Damme aids in an attempt to keep her home from a hungry real-estate developer who will stop at nothing to get the property.

This movie is far from any other Van Damme movie in the past — it has a storyline.

It contains a mixture of action, drama, humor, and romance — four characteristics that generally make a good movie.

It does tend to drag on in some spots, maybe to the extent of boredom but don't fear, it still has the exciting fight scenes Van Damme is famous for.

It may not be Van Damme's best movie but it's still worth the price of admission.

Nowhere to Run is rated AA-14.

The last and certainly least is Madonna's movie, if it can be called one, Body of Evidence.

Madonna's character is a conniving, sexually-hungry manipulator who shacks up with rich old men with bad hearts. She makes them sexually excited and during sex, prolongs the affair doing explicit things to push those old hearts over the limit.

Willem Dafoe plays her tormented defense attorney after Madonna is charged with murder and sex is the murder weapon.

Dafoe's performance is less than quality and Madonna's is her worst performance so far.

The movie has a stupid storyline and basically copies that box-office hit of 1992 Basic Instinct. It is boring to the point where many viewers left the theatre early.

The only rollercoaster ride this movie gives you is straight to movie hell.

Stay as far away as possible from Madonna's Body of Evidence rated R.

ENTERTAINMENT

Card collecting fad of the 90s

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

The hoola-hoop, beehive, rollerskates and now introducing—sports card collecting.

The phenomena of the nineties seems to be the wave of people buying, selling, collecting not only sports cards but cards of all types.

There are "collectibles" for all kinds of series. Some of the bizarre include a 50-card set of mass murderers, which was later pulled off the shelf because of protests, and a 100-card set of pornographic stars.

Some of the more innocent have Barbie, Beverly Hills 90210 stars, Dracula, Batman and even Star Trek.

Sports card and collectible shows have cropped up all over. The Lions Club in Niagara Falls recently hosted a showing for the avid collectors.

John Hodgson brought along his son Stephen, 4, to help find McDonald's hologram cards. "They are not available in stores any more, so you have to go to the shows to get them—but you pay a little more," he said.

Some of the vendors thought the non-sports cards were the most popular. Adam Copeland, 16, and his partner Rob Wood, 15, said the collectibles are the most popular and football the least. These two young entrepreneurs have been selling cards at shows for a year-and-a-half.

Husband and wife team Bob and Deb Shugg of Niagara Falls sell cards as a hobby.

"Can't make living at this," said Deb when Bob interjected, "You can, but you have to be slippery and know what to sell and when to get rid of it."

Most of the people selling cards said they did it as a part-time hobby. Some even said it gave them a little extra money to support their own collections of cards.

"Any profit you make you turn back into your own collection, so you never get ahead," said Shugg.

The merchants at the show also said that it is definitely not just for children any more. Cards at the showing ranged in price from 10 cents to $1,000.

Some patrons, like Mike Montagano, went to the show "just to look." He said he collects, "hockey cards only except some collectibles. Anything but sports you collect as an investment." Montagano has been collecting cards for about 20 years, "since I was a kid."

Representative from the Penalty Box in Niagara Falls, Mark Scordino, said that hockey cards are the most popular cards right now during hockey season. "In Canada it's hockey, in the United States it's baseball," he said.

Although sports cards may or may not be a fad, the people that frequent the showings seem to always be looking for that special card. However, if it is a fad, sometime in the not so distant future there will be a lot of cards up for sale—cheap!

Groundhog Day taken too seriously

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Does anyone take Groundhog Day seriously?

Newspaper reporters, television cameras all reported Tuesday on a little animal coming out of a hole.

The whole point being if the groundhog sees its shadow, winter is extended, if not, spring comes earlier.

It was reported that a groundhog did see his shadow so now we are suppose to have six more weeks of winter.

It seems strange that trained weather reporters, who have been to school for years and use high-tech equipment to determine an upcoming forecast, rely on a animal to tell them when the change of seasons is going to occur. Now the majority of people probably don't take Groundhog Day too seriously, but then why is there a day dedicated to the animal?

What happens if it is cloudy or sunny? In actual fact, how long winter is extended is only determined if the sun is out. The groundhog has nothing to do with it. A bear could come out of a hole and produce the same shadow.

Now it's all superstition and supposed to be taken lightheartedly, but guaranteed Tom Brokaw reported it on the NBC evening news.

Tribute album released

Dead Kennedys brought back to life

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Tribute albums are reserved for bands so popular during their careers that although they have broken up or retired they still get major radio airplay and still rake in the royalties. The Beatles and Led Zeppelin are perfect examples, but not the Dead Kennedys.

Alternative Tentacles have decided for their 100th release to have a Dead Kennedys compilation album with several bands doing cover songs. The label almost went under in 1986 when Jello Biafra, singer for the Dead Kennedys, and four other people connected with the record company, were arrested.

The offence was for Dead Kennedys' cover art on the album Frankenchrist. The art was an H. R. Giger painting showing nine disembodied genital sex acts of a color and texture resembling armadillo skin. The cover was called pornographic even though a sticker on the album said, "The inside foldout to this record cover is a work of art by H. R. Giger that some people may find shocking, repulsive or offensive. Life can sometimes be that way."

Biafra and company were acquitted but legal costs ran more than $60,000, a huge amount for a small label like Alternative Tentacles. With the U.S. First Amendment (freedom of speech) on the Dead Kennedys' side, the hope was to bring their label under by continuing the trial as long as possible. The label survived and to celebrate they dedicated their 100th release to the Dead Kennedys.

A variety of different bands did covers on the album. Every one from Disposable Heros of Hiphoprisy to Faith No More to Naplam Death contributed. Most of the bands didn't stick too closely to the originals; they chose their own style of music. That would be expected because I can't see Mojo Nixon and The Toadliquors trying to do an exact replica of Winnebago Warrior.

Overall, the album is a great idea, and although I like the originals better, hearing Let's Lynch the Landlord, Holiday in Cambodia, and other classics done differently, was fun.

Modern art: all in the way you see it

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

For people unaware of modern art trends, it can be frustrating when viewing an exhibit and not grasping the aesthetic value of a particular piece. Some of us may feel shallow as we fail to intellectually grasp an underlying meaning. Others, out of sheer frustration, may decide the art is trash.

However, all modern art is open to interpretation. If the exhibit had only one point of view or caused one idea to form in the viewer's mind, it would not be modern art. Although a work reflects the artist's thoughts or opinions on world issues and artistic talent, the work is not bound by these ideas. If a work does not emit the same conclusion between an artist and a viewer, it should not matter. Modern art should not be limited to the artist's idealism.

Unfortunately, there are those who feel they should decide the significance of a piece, for all of us. Many artists and art critics, educated in the field, decide to take it upon themselves to explain the significance of a work to those who are ignorant. By using run-on sentences, filled with jargon and sub-thoughts, these so-called art connoisseurs enlighten us with their own interpretations, but also attempt to change those of others. When a new idea or concept is introduced, a viewer may be criticized for his or her experience. Those educated in art idiom will sometimes over-state their opinions.

Art tends to be over-interpreted, and unfairly critiqued by these people. Artists have the ability to produce works without underlying meaning, yet these art critics will prey on the artists for not producing an intrinsic value.

What did the artist mean when they combined these images? Does it really matter? The importance is: What has the artist elicited from you through the work?

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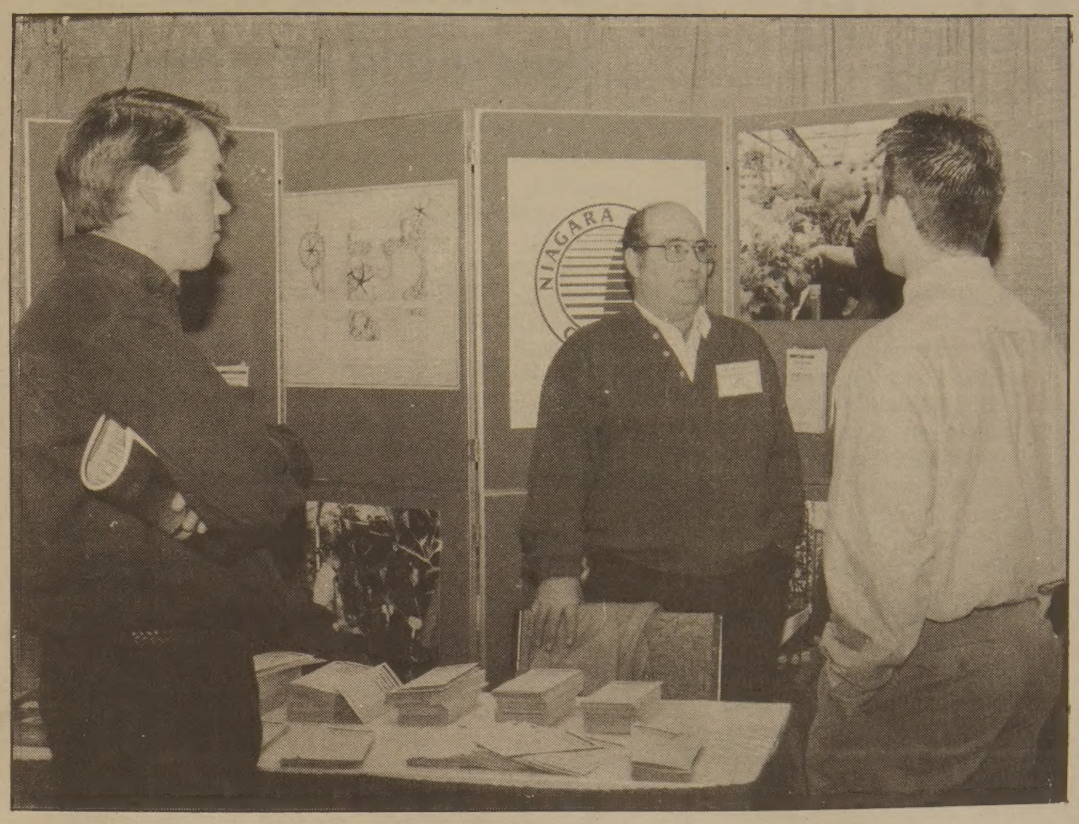
Conference aids student job opportunity



Niagara College's Horticultural program co-ordinator Tom Ball outlines the program's attributes to Bob Carmicheal, left, and Robert Chanda at the Horticultural Trade Show at Copp's Coliseum in Hamilton.

Photo by Samantha Magill

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Horticulural program students attended Canada's Largest Horticultural Trade Show at Copp's Coliseum in Hamilton, Ont. on Jan. 20.

"The show coincides with what the students are learning in landscape design," said Peter Thompstone, a landscape and floral design instructor at the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines. "The students receive a broad perspective of the types of landscape design at the conference."

Students who attended the show handed out resumes to potential employers in the industry for summer or permanent positions.

"We are required to come here to learn and get the contacts we need for a future in the business," said Kathy Meeser, a second-year horticultural student.

The conference included different exhibitions from about 300 businesses involved in nurseries, tree farming, landscaping, fertilizing, and more. Each business arranged to have a booth at the conference to inform and sell to other associated businesses their products and services.

Some of the landscaping booths displayed intricate interlocking bricks and cascading waterfalls — a realistic example of services available to customers.

"It's important for the students to be aware of the complexity of this industry," said J. P. Mansfield, a past horticultural instructor.

The college's Horticultural Centre set up a booth in the education room at the conference, which displayed pictures and information on the course.

"The booth is here to advertise the college and to give people an opportunity to see what is available as far as education at the horticultural centre," said Tom Ball, co-ordinator of the college's program. "It is also for those who are interested in more education in the business."

Willpower still the real cure

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

She smoked for 17 years. She successfully quit cold turkey for 12 more, but the demon returned. She's gone for laser treatment twice, made bets and smoked cigars for a year.

Finally Lynn Skulj, 45, of Welland, Ont. has quit smoking with the aid of Habitrol, a nicotine patch.

The program is designed to wean smokers off nicotine at a rate which won't cause them to suffer from withdrawal symptoms.

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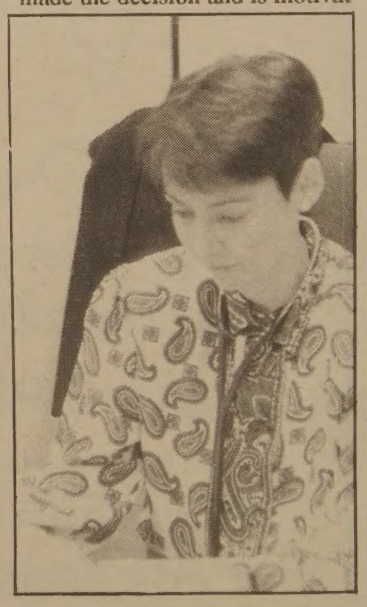

DR. ISABEL NUUNS

The patch is placed on an arm or the stomach. It provides a continual release of nicotine into the bloodstream through pores in the skin.

"It provides a baseline level so that you're not getting the urges called cigarette hunger where people really need that cigarette. So, it's easier for them to break the habit," said Dr. Isabel Nuuns, a family physician in Fonthill, Ont.

The patches cost $78 for two weeks.

A major factor in starting the program is motivation, she said.

"I don't start anybody on it unless I think they're motivated to quit. This is not in place of will power and motivation; it's an aid. And that's how it should be seen, as an aid to somebody who has already made the decision and is motivated to quit," she said.

Skulj was motivated.

"I'm getting older and I know the harm it does. My father died of cancer. I think you're just asking for it. I felt that this was my last chance."

She had two side effects; lightheadedness and disturbance of sleep. The others are headaches, anxiety, irritability, fatigue, upset stomach, diarrhea and constipation.

She had vivid erotic dreams and didn't mind them at all.

Dianna Moodie, 40, of Wainfleet, Ont., also had vivid dreams while wearing the patch.

"I dreamt of dogs with no legs. My cats were decapitated. Blood was pouring out and they were still walking around meowing. It was scary, so off came the patch and I grabbed one of Gary's (her husband) cigarettes," she said.

She has tried to quit smoking with the aid of the patch three times. The first time she quit for five weeks in the summer and started smoking again because of stress at work.

She tried again in the beginning of December because she was wheezing at night and in the morning. She had a bad reaction and was sick for a week. She said the amount of nicotine was too much for her system.

At the end of December she decided to try again. That's when she had the nightmares. She is now smoking.

Teresa McCallum, 40, of Fonthill, has smoked for 20 years. She tried the program for three weeks. Twice she dreamt her husband was abducted. She wasn't getting proper sleep and stopped the program.

She said her 14-year-old daughter, Karen is disappointed in her. She might try the program again.

Dr. Nuuns has been prescribing the patch for three months and has had two successes. She has 15 patients on the program. The majority of side effects she has seen are rashes, insomnia, nightmares and mild headaches.

"It is a drug and everything has risks, but I think the benefits outweigh the risks," she said.

ERSN combines Christmas and retirement for party

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

Candlelight, Christmas cookies and a turkey with all the trimmings marked the Niagara College Educational Resources and Special Needs program's annual Christmas dinner Nov. 27.

The first- and second-year students and the ERSN faculty treated themselves to a delicious meal.

Two long tables were piled with platters of turkey, dressing, lasanga, meatballs, veggies and dip, cakes, cookies and munchies.

The meal was also a retirement party for Fred C. Bridgeman, a teacher of instructional media at the college for the last 20 years.

"This makes me wish I could retire every year," Bridgeman said, looking over the gifts strewn across the table before him.

The students sang sign language songs for entertainment before the meal, and Don Kozar, a first-year student of the program, played guitar after the meal. Santa, played by Dirk Weins, also made a visit.

"All the students contributed to the meal," said Mary Anne Walton, a first-year student of the program.

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Ending 'addiction to consumption' conference's message

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Ending the "addiction to consumption" is the only way to sustain the earth for this and future generations.

This was the message of the Ontario Regional Conference on Sustainable Living held at the Frost Campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay last weekend.

At the third annual conference, held by the Canadian Unified Student Environmental Network (CUSEN), 150 participants attended workshops to learn forms of sustaining the development of all species in order to maintain the environment.

People must develop "a culture of permanance," says keynote speaker Elizabeth May, executive director of the Sierra Club, an environmental organization based in Ottawa.

"We are voraciously eating through the planet," she said. "Is it the inevitable nature of our psyches to want more junk?"

Since the 1950s, an increase of consumption has "eminated from the industrialized world." In the past 40 years, economic activity has increased by 500 per cent, and world population, world poverty and the gap between rich and poor have each increased by 200 per cent, said May. This type of growth may be translated to say that "we have impoverished the environment just as we have doubled the number of people living in poverty."

May blames the society of the North for pushing the idea of consumerism on Southern cultures. Because of debts to Northern countries, such as the U.S.A, southern countries are forced to deforest and grow only cash crops in order to come up with quick money, said May. While this encourages economic growth, "it is not at all successful for the environment."

Ideals must be changed in order to develop in a sustainable manner, said May. "Shopping used to be something you did if you needed something...we have to change our values. It's a learned lie." The best place to start is with students because of the prevalent idea that "self-worth is tied to income," she said.

Society can only attain the goal of sustainable development if "we work as an ecosystem. You can't think of an ecosystem that works from the top down. An ecosystem is constantly recycling. That's how we want to model society. But what is the methadone for this consumer-addicted society?" May said.

Those involved in the CUSEN conference were involved in workshops to teach them, in a practical manner, how to live in a sustainable way. The three sets followed a logical progression, starting with the philosophy of sustainable living, moving to skill sessions where the participants took part in hands-on projects, and finishing with plenary sessions, in which the participants were given an actual written plan to implement immediately in their schools, communities and homes, said Stephen Legault, co-chair of the conference.

Participants were invited from across Canada to take part in the conference.

ELIZABETH MAY

Students from Japan to participate in 'all inclusive' summer English program

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

A special 'all inclusive' summer English language program for students from Japan is scheduled to operate between July and August, Niagara College's director of international education recently announced.

The program will combine classroom instruction in English with excursions and recreational activities.

"The main reasons are for the students to visit another country and spend a vacation, and also give them an opportunity to improve their listening and speaking skills in English," Dennis Malone said.

The students must have graduated from high schools in Japan. They will be divided into two groups, the first group expected to visit from July 18 to Aug. 7, while the second group visits from Aug. 8 to 28.

The department is yet to confirm the exact number of students involved but the maximum for each program is 45 students.

"When we first planned it, the figure given to me was 120 students." Malone said. "We've been told we'll get an idea of how many students by end of this February."

The program is being co-ordinated by Tricore Canada, a Toronto-based consultant company for Canadian contacts in Japan.

There are three optional packages for the program. Each package is based on the cost of services that will be part of the cost to students. The department has not yet received indications as to what options will be suitable for the students.

Malone said this is not the first time the college has operated such a program.

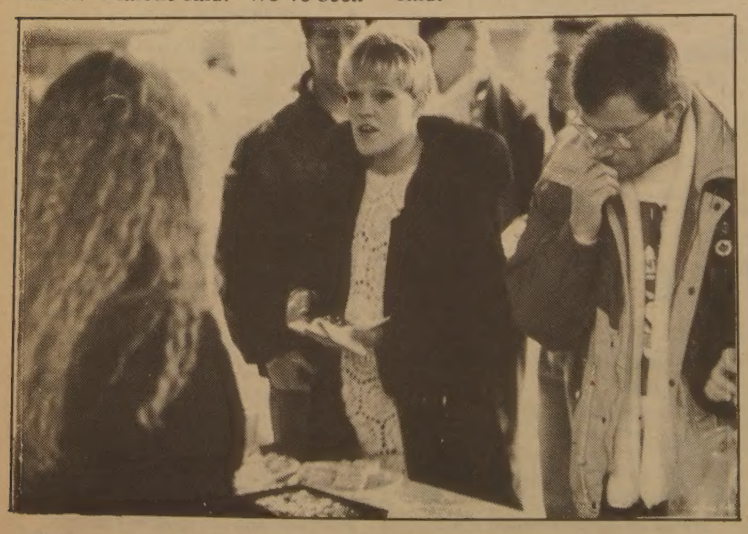
"Last summer, we successfully ran a similar program for Japanese students from the Canadian International College in Nelson, B.C.," he said. "We ran the program with the assistance of the university."

Because of the nature of the program, the department is appealing to those who might be interested in providing homes for the students. A private bedroom, meals and the warmth of a home away from home is what the students will be looking for during their program, Malone said.

Niagara College will pay $325 a student every three weeks.

"Students see the homestay as an opportunity to learn a little bit about Canadian culture, and a chance to practice their English.

Their parents see it as providing the safety and security of a family setting," said Malone.



Wanna buy a brownie?

Second-year human relations students provided ample ammunition for those choosing death by chocolate. Last Thursday's bake sale outside the library raised approximately $175 for a "getaway" trip to Ottawa in April.

Photo by Karla Schindel

Notice

Don't forget to read next week's NIAGARA NEWS for information about the upcoming Election to select STUDENT AND SUPPORT STAFF REPRESENTATIVES to sit on NIAGARA COLLEGE'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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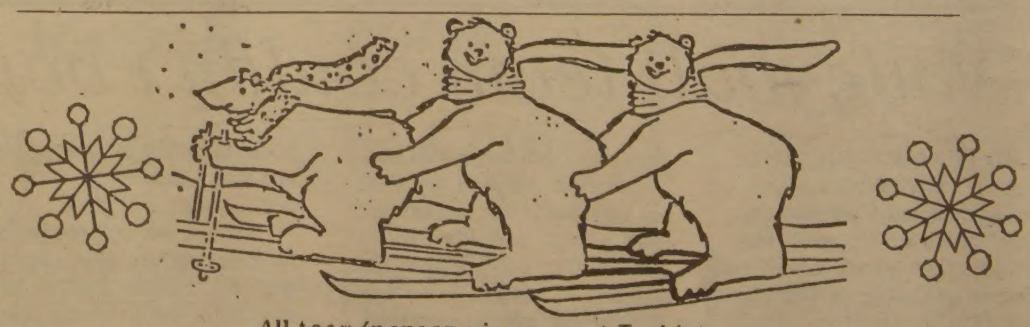

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SPORTS

Knights finally see the light of day

By LLOYD ABBS
Staff Writer

There was a different feeling in the Niagara Knights Mens' hockey team dressing room. It was a feeling of accomplishment, something the players hadn't felt all season. The Knights had won a game. A feat in which they had failed to accomplish in 11 previous tries.

Saturday night, the hockey team defeated Brockville's St. Lawrence College Schooners 9-5 bringing an end to an 11-game winless streak which saw the Knights go 0-8-3.

Knights 9, Schooners 5

"It feels great to get a win," said Knights' defenceman Steve Cote, who scored the game winner for Niagara. "We've been working hard and we've done some soul-searching and I think with this win we've proved we're a better team than our record shows."

Knights' forward Mike Emond echoed Cote's words.

"It feels great, just beautiful," Emond said of the victory. "Lately we've been playing like a team. We are banging and grinding and everyone is working hard. It was a 110 per cent effort. I think this let's other teams know that when they play Niagara, it's not an easy win."

Head coach Fred Bassi said he believes that the team is coming around.

"We played a good hockey game. Our (line) combinations are playing better and we're starting to play as a team."

Niagara College Knights' goaltender Rob Wylde makes a save while Niagara defenceman Pat Skuta (5), and St. Lawrence's Troy Gleason (9), and Dale Visser (8), look on. The Knights won the game 9-5.

Photo by Lloyd Abbs

Saturday night's win was truly a team effort. Seven different Knights scored in Niagara's best offensive showing of the year.

The game was a see-saw battle. St. Lawrence opened the scoring in the first to take a 1-0 lead after one period, but one goal by Andrew Clark and two by Mike Emond in a 1:49 span gave Niagara a 3-1 lead just 2:38 into the second. St. Lawrence drew within one but Niagara then replied with two late goals (one short-handed) in a 1:54 span to take a 5-2 lead to the dressing room after two. By the 12:37 mark of the third period, the Schooners scored three powerplay goals to tie the match at five. But the Knights were not to be denied. Just 40 seconds after St. Lawrence tied it, Cote stepped over the opposing blue line and cranked a blast upstairs on Schnooners goaltender Brad Meagher to re-establish a Niagara lead. Surely enough, 49 seconds later, Knights' captain Dale Zimmerman made it 7-5. Niagara then added goals by John Anger (his second of the game) and Derek Rewberry to make the final 9-5.

The win couldn't have come at a better time for the Knights. With the victory, the Knights have five points, good enough for fourth in their division, one point ahead of Peterborough's Sir Sandford Fleming with only four game remaining in the season.

Ironically enough, with the win the Knights snapped their 11-game winless streak creating a three-game unbeaten one.

The Knights will put their unbeaten streak on the line this Saturday when Willowdale's Seneca College visits the Welland Arena at 8 p.m.

(In an earlier road game on Thursday, Jan. 28, the Knights tied Sir Sandford Fleming of Lindsay 3-3. Niagara scorers were Mike Emond, Simon Wayda and Len Hale. Dan Yakubowski was in goal.

Defence costs V-Ball Knights match

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

An old nemesis reared its ugly head again as the Niagara College Knights men's volleyball team couldn't capitalize on early leads and dropped a four-game match to Redeemer College of Ancaster last Thursday.

Knights' record 7-6

The Knights' record is 7-6.

Niagara bolted to a quick 7-0 lead in the first game but were unable to keep the momentum and allowed Redeemer to score seven unanswered points to tie the score. Redeemer took advantage, gained the next four points and went on to win 15-7.

"Our defence played really super early. We were digging a lot of balls and then we just stopped moving," Knights' coach Ray Sarkis said.

The second game started like the first as Niagara took a 4-0 lead but again allowed Redeemer to chip away and overtake them to win 15-12.

"We lost because of our defence," Sarkis said. "We gave them the game as far as I'm concerned."

The third game was the tightest of the match as Niagara trailed by two points throughout but finally put a run together to win 15-13.

Niagara's inability to hold a lead proved costly in the fourth game as they were leading 11-7 but unforced errors allowed Redeemer back in the game. With the score tied at 13-13, a questionable officiating call gave Redeemer the lead, frustrating the Knights. Redeemer took advantage and won the game 15-13.

"The refereeing was suspect," Sarkis said. "It was frustrating to see a couple of bad calls like that."

Jim Konrad led the Knights' attack with eight kills in the match, while Brian Dekker had seven, Greg Heyder and Brent Roszell five, and Kevin Jones four.

Sarkis was not pleased with his team's defensive showing as they had only eight blocks in the match.

"That's brutal. You can't win games making only eight blocks," he said.

With one game remaining in the regular season, against George Brown College in Toronto on Wednesday night, Sarkis is hoping to keep the team's fourth place standing heading into the playoffs.

"I'd hate to finish with a 7-7 record. I want to finish in fourth place to make it easier in the playoffs. We most certainly have to win this game against George Brown," he said.

Volleyball team couldn't bounce back

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's volleyball team dropped a frustrating five-game match to Conestoga College of Kitchener Jan. 21 to bring their record to 7-5 on the season.

The Knights were unable to gain momentum early in the match and lost the first game 15-12.

"We have a problem when we get behind. It's a mental thing," Knights' coach Ray Sarkis said.

However, Niagara got their act together in the second and third games, winning 15-9 in both, to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

"When we take an early lead, we play tougher and can hang on to win," Sarkis said. "They (Conestoga) couldn't do anything in those two games. We had them right out of the match."

Niagara's new found success didn't last long as Conestoga bounced back in the fourth game and took a decisive 15-7 win to tie the match.

"We lost our composure on the court and the guys stopped working," Sarkis said. "We had no passess and no blocks going in the fourth game."

Conestoga gained control early in the fifth game, bursting out to a demanding 11-4 lead. The Knights were unable to recover and Conestoga won the game and match 15-8.

"The whole team completely fell apart," Sarkis said. "We're still not establishing our middle attacks."

Jim Konrad led the Knights offensively with 12 kills followed by Brent Roszell with 11, Kevin Jones 10, Greg Heyder nine, and Brian Dekker eight.

Heyder was the defensive standout with five blocks followed by Jones and Dekker adding four and three blocks respectively.

Pool tourney a splash

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Twenty-four Niagara College students sharpened their pool skills at a premier tournament Dec. 10 at After Hours on the Welland campus.

After Hours, in co-operation with the Student Administrative Council, held the first pool tournament of the year. "It was a great turnout. We should definitely do it again," said Kristen Sorensen, SAC vice-president external.

The tournament's format was round robin, single knockout, which means after you lose one game you're out of the competition. The structure was dictated by the time constraints of the double SAC period.

A $50 cash pot was awarded to the winner, Anthony Napolitano, 20, a first-year electrical/electronic engineering technology student.

Sorensen and Sue Harvey, SAC executive vice-president, organized the two-hour tournament.

SPORTS

NFC still dominant as Bills thrashed

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

Oooooouuuuuuch! What happened?

Someone forgot to tell the Buffalo Bills that Sunday was the Super Bowl and not a preseason contest.

The Bills were thoroughly beaten in every aspect of the game by the jubilant Dallas Cowboys. Although statistics don't usually mean much when the Bills play, they certainly told the story on Sunday.

Buffalo set a record by turning the ball over nine times, with Dallas converting five of those into touchdowns. Simply put, the Bills didn't have their minds in the game and have no excuse for such a pathetic showing.

The Dallas coaching staff did an excellent job preparing their inexperienced club to counter anything the Bills had planned. This was evident when Dallas was up 14-7 and the Bills were knocking on the door.

After three failed rushing attempts from the one-yard-line, the Bills opted to pass on fourth down and failed miserably as Kelly tossed a perfect pass to Thomas Everett of the Cowboys.

What Kelly and his coaching staff didn't realize was that Dallas had sent in their nickel defence to counter the pass but the Bills played into their hands, or should I say Thomas Everett's hands. The safest play for the Bills would have been to run the ball because if denied, Dallas would have been pinned deep in its own territory.

Statistics aside, the Bills lost this game in the trenches. The Cowboys' offensive line didn't allow Bruce Smith or Cornelius Bennett to get anywhere near Troy Aikman. Buffalo's inability to pressure Aikman allowed Michael Irvin and Jay Novacek to run freely in the soft Bills' secondary.

One thing that this latest Buffalo beating has brought to the forefront is the National Football Conference's dominance over the American Football Conference. The Cowboys' victory is the ninth straight Super Bowl for the NFC.

And that is a telling statistic.

Kelly, Thomas, Levy: Not the answer in Buffalo

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

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One head coach who knows how to win and how to discipline his football team; a starting quarterback who can win the big one and doesn't fake an injury when things go sour; and a running back who does his running with his feet and not his mouth.

This ad should appear in *The Buffalo News* if the Buffalo Bills football team is ever going to win a Super Bowl.

The Bills' biggest problem is unity. The team is full of players who want, nay, demand personal accolades and there is no team on the earth who can win when playing as individuals.

What the Bills need is to make some changes and it all starts with the head coach.

Marv Levy doesn't have what it takes to make Buffalo play as a team. He doesn't have the proper attitude. He doesn't even have the courage to start Frank Reich over Jim Kelly. And anyone who says Levy has to play Kelly because of his big contract, obviously doesn't care about winning.

What the Bills need is a disciplinarian and a former winner as head coach. Someone like Mike Ditka.

And Levy wouldn't be without a job for long. He could always coach the San Antonio entry in the Canadian Football League.

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With the departure of Levy, the team would then be able to start the better quarterback. A quarterback who gives a damn about the team and not just his own numbers. A quarterback who would play when he's hurt and, more importantly, when he's not hurt. It's awfully suspicious how Kelly seems to get hurt only when he's having a bad game. It was even more suspicious when, after being helped off the field, Kelly lifted his leg without any problem on the cart before being taken to the dressing room. Besides his questionable injuries, Kelly just isn't as good a quarterback as Reich. After the remarkable comeback Reich engineered against the Oilers, and the dazzling statistics he has compiled in his limited appearances, Reich should be No. 1.

Speaking about number one, Thurman Thomas is definitely not tops when it comes to running backs. The self-proclaimed Michael Jordan of the National Football League has proven to be more of a bench player when it comes to the big game. In the last two Super Bowls, Thomas has gained 32 yards on 21 carries. With those numbers, someone should hide Thomas' helmet on purpose. Kenneth Davis is every bit the back Thomas is and he performs when it matters. Davis gained more yards (85) on fewer carries (18) in just one Bowl game than Thomas did in two.

The Bills could make even more lineup changes. I haven't even started on the defense. But don't be surprised to see the same faces there next year. And if they do manage to win the American Football Conference Championship again, they'll set yet another record for futility with a fourth loss in next year's Super Bowl.

De-Fence!

By DARIUS SOKAL
Staff Writer

The Dallas Cowboys easy victory over the Buffalo Bills in Sunday's Super Bowl XXVII marked the ninth consecutive year that a National Football Conference representative has emerged victorious. Since 1982, when the San Francisco 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals 20-16, a NFC team has laid claim to football's most cherished trophy.

They say defence wins championships, and the NFC, specifically the eastern division, has been considered for years now the home of the toughest defenses in football. The NFC east features the Cowboys, Washington Redskins, New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles, teams which base their success on ball control and, more importantly, defence. It's no coincidence that the Giants, Redskins and Cowboys have won the last three Super Bowls, all at the expense of Buffalo.

This Cowboys' 52-17 thrashing of the run-and-shoot oriented Bills strenghtens the fact that the NFC is superior to the AFC, period.

NOTE: In the last nine Super Bowls, all won by NFC teams, the AFC has been outscored 349-142.

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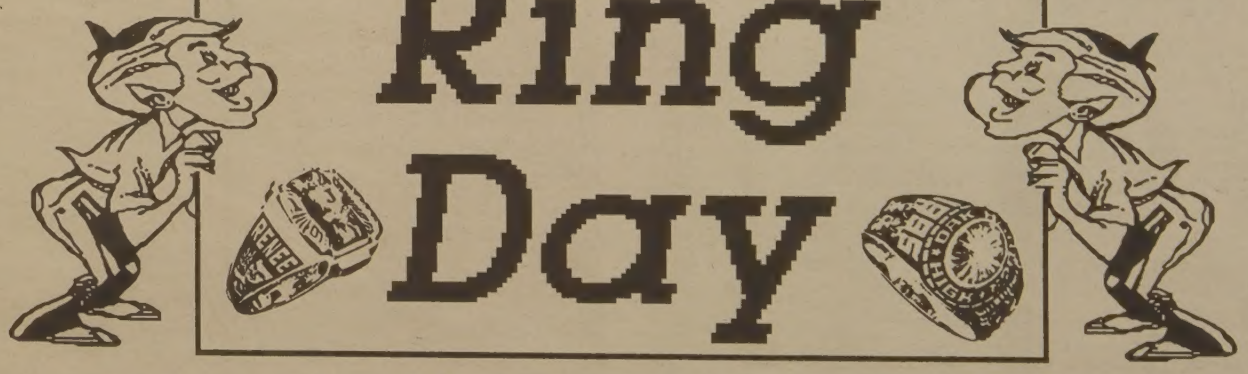

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NIAGARA COLLEGE CANADA

Welland YMCA expands membership policy

By KARLA SCHINDEL
Staff Writer

Following the lead of YMCAs in Toronto and Ottawa, the Welland YMCA has expanded its policy to include gay and lesbian families by offering family membership rates to same-sex couples.

"We will obey the law," said Brad Clements, executive director of the Welland branch. "Our policy is to follow what the courts say is a family."

In a September 1992 ruling, the Ontario Human Rights Commission expanded the legal definition of family to include gay and lesbian couples.

The St. Catharines YMCA continued discussion of the issue at its board meeting Jan. 27.

"Our practice is to follow the standards of the community; as the standards change our policies must change," said Franco Savoia, executive director of the St. Catharines YMCA.

The St. Catharines branch hasn't had any major pressure to change. Savoia said if a same-sex couple were to approach their facility for a family membership rate they "probably" wouldn't be turned away.

Sylvia Roach, executive director of the Niagara Falls YMCA, said it has never been an issue there.

"The board feels the issue is being pushed by the press and not the community," she said.

Roach added the YMCA doesn't need a new policy because the organization doesn't discriminate.

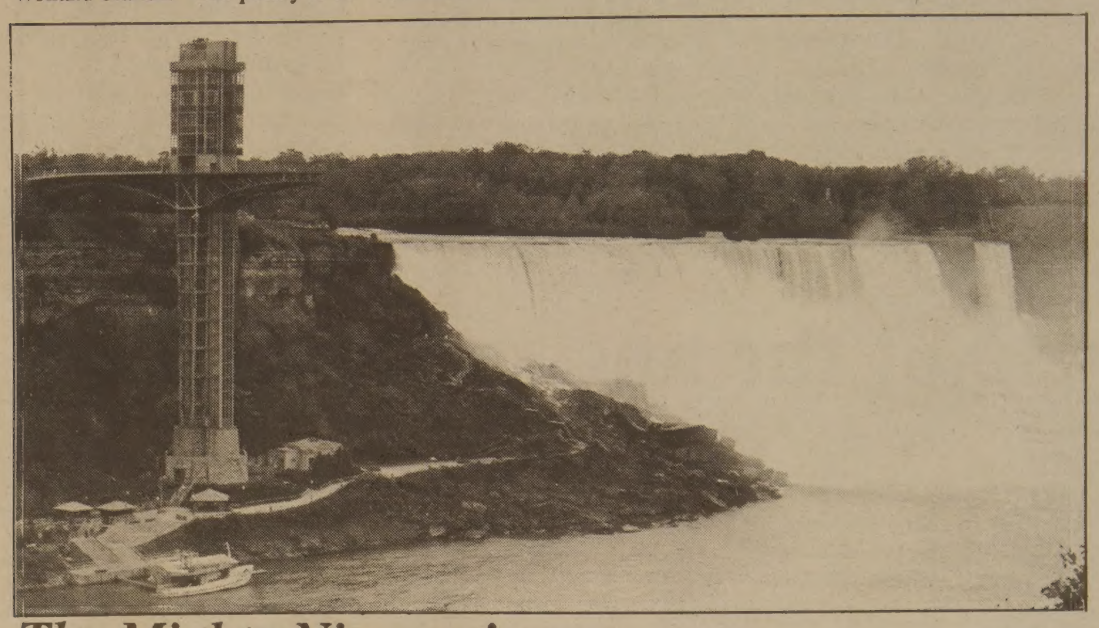
"A change in policy is not what's required, it's a change in practice," she said.

However, as with St. Catharines, the issue was discussed further at this month's board meeting.

Each YMCA is a separate entity and all policies are made by individual boards of directors.

Family membership rates for YMCAs in the Niagara Region range from $225 to $800 for one year.

To date, no area YMCAs have been approached by any same-sex families.



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